

The Honorable Benjamin H. Settle

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE**

SHILLING, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as
President of the United States, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-241

**DECLARATION OF DANIELLE
ASKINI AUBAIN AS EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF GENDER JUSTICE
LEAGUE IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

I, Danielle Askini Aubain, declare as follows:

1. Gender Justice League ("GJL") is a non-profit organization with its principal place of business in Seattle, Washington. GJL is a civil and human rights organization that advocates on behalf of transgender individuals in Washington State. GJL's mission is to create a community for transgender people to live their lives safely and true to themselves, and free from discrimination. GJL works to empower transgender people to combat discrimination, prejudice, and violence they face in their daily lives by providing education on the civil and human rights afforded all people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

2. GJL is a membership based organization whose members include transgender

1 individuals who wish to serve in the United States military, such as Matthew Medina, who is also
 2 a plaintiff in the present case, and those who currently serve in the military, such as Cathrine
 3 Schmid and Videl Leins, who likewise are plaintiffs in the present case. GJL sues on behalf of
 4 its members who are currently negatively affected by the ban on open service by transgender
 5 individuals in the military.

6 3. GJL has members who are actively serving in the military who have relied upon
 7 the approval of their transition plans in deciding if and when to come out and to take medical
 8 steps to transition.

9 4. GJL has members who are seeking to enlist in the military but who are afraid to
 10 be open about their transgender status.

11 5. GJL has strong interests in opposing structural and unlawful discrimination
 12 targeted at transgender individuals and in protecting the right of all people, including transgender
 13 individuals, to serve openly in the military and pursue that career free from discrimination and
 14 other violations of their constitutional rights. These interests are inherent to GJL's mission and
 15 vision expressed above.

16 6. I, Danielle Askini Aubain, serve as the Executive Director for GJL.

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 18 I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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 20 DATED: February 12, 2025

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